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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Baxter International Inc. is a global diversified
3 healthcare company that applies innovative science to develop
4 biotechnology products, specialty therapeutics and medical
5 devices that save and sustain patients' lives; Baxter makes a
6 meaningful difference for people with end-stage kidney
7 disease, hemophilia, immune disorders, trauma, and other
8 chronic conditions around the world; based in Deerfield,
9 Illinois, Baxter employs 5,000 Illinois residents and 46,500
10 people around the world; Baxter manufactures products in 14
11 U.S. locations, as well as in 26 countries; and

12 WHEREAS, Baxter sells its therapies in more than 100
13 countries, with more than half of its sales coming from outside
14 of the United States; for more than 75 years, Baxter has drawn
15 together specialists, scientists, healthcare experts, and
16 business professionals who share a common purpose, to save and
17 enhance lives through innovative healthcare solutions; and

18 WHEREAS, Baxter upholds its obligations to use resources
19 wisely, and strives to achieve a safe, clean, and healthy
20 future; through its demonstrated leadership on economic,
21 social, and environmental sustainability, Baxter has been
22 named for nine straight years to the Dow Jones Sustainability
23 North American Index; recognized for the fourth consecutive

1 year as one of "The Global 100 Most Sustainable Corporations in
2 the World" by Innovest Strategic Value Advisors; awarded as the
3 2007 Dow Jones Sustainability World Index Medical Products
4 Industry Leader; named by Corporate Responsibility Officer
5 magazine as one of its "100 Best Corporate Citizens," and
6 awarded in 2008 by the Illinois League of Women Voters with its
7 inaugural Environmental Sustainability Stewardship Award; and

8 WHEREAS, Baxter has been recognized many times for
9 leadership in addressing global climate change and reducing its
10 greenhouse gas emissions; Baxter supports sustainable energy
11 alternatives, promotes cross-industry initiatives, and engages
12 in the public policy debate; Baxter is a founding member of the
13 Chicago Climate Exchange, the world's first and North America's
14 only carbon cap-and-trade system; Baxter participates in
15 Chicago Mayor Richard M. Daley's Chicago Climate Change Task
16 Force; and Baxter served as one of three vice-chairs on the
17 State of Illinois Climate Change Advisory Group that
18 recommended a plan for how Illinois could reduce state
19 greenhouse gas emissions to 1990 levels by 2020; and

20 WHEREAS, Baxter works with a number of
21 sustainability-related organizations, including Ceres, the Pew
22 Center for Global Climate Change, GRI, The Conference Board,
23 the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency through Climate
24 Leaders, The Green Suppliers Network, and the National

1 Environmental Performance Track; in addition to its public
2 policy leadership in addressing climate change, Baxter
3 announced that its 1,500-employee headquarters in Deerfield
4 achieved carbon-neutral status, effective April 2007; Baxter
5 was the first company to help validate agricultural carbon
6 credits by purchasing carbon credits offered by Illinois
7 farmers and landowners through the Illinois Conservation and
8 Climate Initiative; in addition, the International Carbon
9 Disclosure Project named Baxter to its 2007 Climate Disclosure
10 Leadership Index under its 5th Survey of FT500 Corporate
11 Approaches to Climate Change; and

12 WHEREAS, The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
13 recognized Baxter on its Fortune 500 Green Power Partner
14 Challenge list; in 2007, Baxter launched AVIVA, a new non-PVC,
15 non-latex medical IV solution container that carries the
16 Green-e label, indicating the electricity used to produce these
17 containers is offset by 100 percent Green-e certified renewable
18 energy; in addition to its leadership in climate change, Baxter
19 strives to conserve water and uses this resource as efficiently
20 as possible in its products and operations, and is enhancing
21 its water conservation, reuse, and wastewater treatment
22 capabilities worldwide; therefore, be it

23 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
24 NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we

1 congratulate Baxter International Inc. on its many accolades
2 and awards and on receiving the inaugural Illinois League of
3 Women Voters Environmental Sustainability Stewardship Award;
4 and be it further

5 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
6 presented to Thomas T. Stallkamp, Lead Director of Baxter
7 International Inc. as a symbol of our respect and esteem.